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## How Is California Doing?

Over the past 12 years, up-to-date immunization rates have steadily increased at all age points. The percentage of children completing their basic series on time by 19 months of age almost tripled between 1991 and 2002. Coverage has been improving since 1989. Local health departments, physicians, and clinics are working together to get more children immunized on time as more vaccines are added to the schedule. Our California goal for year 2010 is 90 percent for all universally recommended vaccines by age 2 years.

### PERCENT OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS ADEQUATELY IMMUNIZED, BY AGE CHECKPOINTS Data Gathered from Kindergarten Retrospective Surveys

Year of Survey	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
Year of Birth	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1989	1988	1987	1986	1985
Age Checkpoint												
3 months (1 polio, 1 DTP)	84.4%	81.7	81.9	80.7	81.0	78.3	76.7	72.9	74.0	71.6	71.3	64.3
7 months (2 polio, 3 DTP)	62.4%	58.9	56.3	51.2	52.3	50.8	48.1	45.1	43.0	43.3	42.5	41.3
1 year (2 polio, 3 DTP)	86.8%	85.6	83.8	80.8	79.2	78.9	76.9	74.0	73.0	70.2	70.6	67.1
19 months (3 polio, 4 DTP, 1 MMR)	60.2%	58.3	51.6	48.3	45.0	40.1	39.5	35.4	35.0	28.1	28.1	26.8
2 years (3 polio, 4 DTP, 1 MMR)	72.2%	71.0	66.6	63.9	62.9	59.2	57.3	55.4	57.2	48.4	48.2	48.7
3 years (3 polio, 4 DTP, 1 MMR)	81.2%	79.5	76.3	74.5	74.3	70.6	70.5	70.8	72.2	63.3	62.4	62.2

<sup>1</sup> Since 1983, California staff of both the State and local health departments visit a randomly selected sample of approximately 3–5% schools with kindergartens. At these visits, a sample of children is selected from the enrollment files for a complete review of their on-site immunization records. The survey looks at the immunization status of each child at various age checkpoints.